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Art Unit : 3724  
Applicant : Perry R. DeYoung  
Appln. No. : 09/586,943  
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Confirmation No. : 6561  
For : AUTOMATIC COVER LATCH AND PRESSURE  
RELIEF SYSTEM FOR A DOUGH DIVIDER

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002, Applicant responds as follows.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 26 with the following rewritten paragraph.

--The reference number 10 (Fig. 1) generally designates a dough divider with pressure relief embodying the present invention. The illustrated dough divider 10 is shown in Fig. 1 with a shell 11 (see Fig. 2) removed. The dough divider 10 includes a hopper 12 with a lid 14, a latch assembly 20 and a press plate 16. The lid 14 has an open position (see Fig. 1) and a closed position (see Fig. 2). The latch assembly 20 is adapted to maintain the lid 14 in the closed position when activated and to discontinue maintaining the lid 14 in the closed position when deactivated. The press plate 16 is vertically slidable within the hopper 12, with the hopper 12 being adapted to accept dough (not shown) between the lid 14 and the press plate 16. The press plate 16 is adapted to be driven towards the lid 14 in order to compress the dough between the press plate 16 and the lid 14 within the hopper 12. The latch assembly 20 is automatically activated to maintain the lid 14 in the closed position while the press plate 16 is being driven towards the lid 14. The latch assembly 20 also is automatically deactivated to discontinue maintaining the lid 14 in the closed position after the dough has been compressed and divided within the hopper 12. The illustrated dough divider 10 also includes a knife assembly 64 adapted to move towards the lid 14 in order to divide the dough. The illustrated dough divider 10 further includes a pressure relief system including a reversible cylinder

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Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2002 and one corrected drawing sheet in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Independent Claims	*6	Minus	***6	=0	x \$42	\$0	x \$ 84	\$
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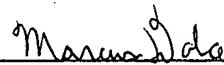
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